



# Harrow Lodge Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the holiday and I hope you had a restful time with your family and friends over this period. The children have returned full of energy and excitement ready to get involved in the new topics their teachers have planned for them over the next six weeks.

Well done to Years 1 and 2 for their fantastic attendance figures this week; this is amazing to see and we look forward to this continuing as it will really help towards our whole school target of 96%. With more than half the school year already behind us we have a lot of work to do to ensure we met our target by July.

To prepare Year 4 for their Talk for Writing topic related to portal stories, the children engaged in a variety of drama activities (with a visitor who came into the school) that involved travelling back in time to WW2. Some groups acted out a scene whereby they found a gas mask and put it on, which resulted in them being teleported to a street that was tackling the challenges of an air raid. Other groups acted out being in the middle of an air raid which resulted in them trying to pull out injured people who were stuck under piles of rubble. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session which has helped to engage them into our Pie Corbett model text which we are now working on called The Gas Mask.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 were also introduced to their new book, The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark, as part of their talk for Writing unit and thoroughly enjoyed modelling owls out of clay to start the unit off in a fun and practical way. Look out for the photos on Facebook and our website.

Year 6 children enjoyed a short visit from 3 PCSOs where they learned about how to be safe using public transport as part of their transition to secondary school work.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Council Meeting on Thursday afternoon. It was great to welcome more parents and it was so encouraging to hear your views and listen to how supportive you all are with regards the direction the school is moving in. For those who were unable to make the meeting but really want to be involved supporting the Leadership Team continue our journey to 'good' and beyond, please speak to the office or come along to our stand in the KS2 Hall next week during Parents' Evening to find out more and sign up. Please see the list of names later in the newsletter of the parents who have agreed to be parent representatives for their child's class. As you can see there are still quite a few classes that do not have a representative, so if you feel you would like to take on this important role please do come along next week and hear more.

I understand some parents have found our new system for registering 'late children' a little frustrating but I would ask that you respect the staff who are trying to make this transition as smooth as possible. Our gates open at 8.30am and the doors open at 8.40am, allowing children 10 minutes to get into class and be ready to start work at 8.50am when school officially starts. Any child who arrives after 8.50 has to go through the office to be registered and collect a 'late' ticket; thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Connolly



### Stars Of The Week

- R1: Jessie & Jacob
- R2: Kotryna & Riley
- 1A: Zara & Jimmy
- 1B: Parker & Lewis
- 2A: Molly & Ethan
- 2B: Raevyn & Jonathan
- 2C: Mollie & Zachary
- 3A: Nifemi & Madhe
- 3B: Megan & Laila
- 3C: Erin & Ben
- 4A: Um-E-Miya & Ben
- 4B: Shane & Bogdan
- 5A: Juste & Mahir
- 5B: Ibrahim & Dew
- 5C: Mitchell & Devon
- 6A: Holly F & Brooke
- 6B: Sophie & Lewis



### Writer of the Week

- R1: Alex
- R2: Holly
- 1A: Denis
- 1B: Karina
- 2A: Alyssa
- 2B: George
- 2C: Lola & Corey
- 3A: Mario
- 3B: Erin
- 3C: Gustas
- 4A: Mariam
- 4B: Josie
- 5A: Scarlett
- 5B: Ava
- 5C: Laura
- 6A: Ethan
- 6B: Katie

### Attendance – w/e 09/02/18

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	93.2
Yr 1	97.1
Yr 2	97.2
Yr 3	93.8
Yr 4	93.2
Yr 5	93.7
Yr 6	92.8

Congratulations to the individual class attendance winners!

**KS1: 2C 98.5%**

**KS2: 3A 97.1%**

**Overall School Attendance (year to date) – 94.7%**

### Diary Dates

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm (3A only)

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character  
Parents' Evening 4pm-6.50pm

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Years 1 & 2 – Owl Show

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Forum 2.00pm & 6.00pm

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Mothers' Day Stalls

**WORLD BOOK DAY MENU  
THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**The BFG's Sticky Chicken with Rice**

**Biff & Chip's Fish Fingers with Potato Smiles**

**Peppa Pig Cheesy Tomato Pasta Pot**

**Horrid Henry Spaghetti Hoops  
Hungry Caterpillar's Green Beans**

**Matilda's Iced Marble Cake**

**PARENT COUNCIL**

Thank you to the following parents who have agreed to be parent representatives on our Parent Council. If you have any issues you would like raised at our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2:00pm, please speak directly with any one of them. As you can see, not every class has a representative (ideally we would like two reps per class) so if you would like to be a Parent Council Representative for your child's class please see Mrs Connolly, Mrs Searle or come along to the KS2 Hall on Parents' Evening.

The following parents have agreed to be a representative:

	R1
Katy Woodhead	R2
	1A
Sarah Corless / Maxine Birch	1B
Maxine Birch	2C
	2A
	2B
Carrie Tisshaw	3A
Joeleen Lefevre	3B
Amanda Hayward	3C
Christine Radovic / Michelle Stanley	4A
	4B
Lisa Frensham & Serena Lee	5C
	5A
Sarah Corless / Erica Ratty	5B
	6A
	6B

## For Parents/Carers of Year 5 & 6 Children

### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Just to remind you about the above FREE course which is being run:

Part One on Thursday 15th March and  
Part Two on Thursday 22nd March  
17.00-19.00pm

This is to learn how to keep your child safe when using the Internet, social networks, apps, games and more.

For more information about courses please contact  
Family Learning at Havering Adult College on 01708  
434955

Or email [familylearning@haverling.gov.uk](mailto:familylearning@haverling.gov.uk)

If you would like to book on this course please contact the school office.

### Harrow Lodge PTA

Marsh Farm and Southend Adventure Island tickets on sale for 2018:

**Marsh Farm** - all tickets £9 (under 2 FREE)  
**Adventure Island** - Blue Band £15 Green/Red - £13

If you would like to order any tickets please put your payment with your child's name and class in the PTA box in school office.

Mother's Day stalls will take place on Friday 9th March selling gifts and cards for the children to buy for their Mums. If you could spare any time on this day to help out please put your details in the PTA box or email us at [hlppta@outlook.co.uk](mailto:hlppta@outlook.co.uk)

Easter egg hunt and raffle will take place on Tuesday 27th March - tickets will go on sale after half term!!